

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6 342 063 B1 (DEVRIES ROBERT B ET AL) 29 January 2002 (2002-01-29)	1-4
A	column 3, line 6 - line 8 column 4, line 25 - line 27 figures 2-8 -----	5-7
A	US 2003/208227 A1 (THOMAS JOHN) 6 November 2003 (2003-11-06) paragraph [0038] figures 9a-9d -----	1-7
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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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1. claims: 1-7

A venous filter with an anchor portion wherein the anchor portion is separable from the filter struts. This feature solves the problem how to remove a filter at a specific point in time.

2. claims: 8-17

A venous filter comprising anchors and a dissolvable web. The dissolvable web solves the problem how to filter out blood clots over a prolonged period of time without the need for a further surgical intervention.

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Information on patent family members

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